

STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE

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October 19, 2021

MS. KATHY REZNIK BENOIT

BATON ROUGE, LA 70808

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CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70201290000106679675

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE:

10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report - November 3, 2020 Election

Docket ID: 2021-458

5800 ONE PERKINS PLACE, BLDG. 10, STE. B

Dear Ms. Benoit:

At its October 2021 meeting, the *Board of Ethics*, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, (by majority vote) reduced the original late fee. See attached order. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$1,442.88, payable to *Louisiana State Treasurer*, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to pay the reduced amount or dispute the assessment. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

To dispute this assessment, you may elect to do either or both of the following:

- 1. You may submit a **request for reconsideration** to the *Board of Ethics*. If you choose to request reconsideration, your request should include additional information not previously provided or available to the Board during its initial consideration of the matter. If you would like to appear before the *Board of Ethics* in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. If you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting. The request should be submitted to: *Louisiana Board of Ethics* Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821. You may also fax the request to 225/381-7271. If the *Board of Ethics* denies your request, you may appeal the reduced amount to the *Ethics Adjudicatory Board*.
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If you do not pay the reduced amount of \$1,442.88 or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this notice, then the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred.

Late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website. If you timely submit a request for reconsideration or appeal, your name will not be posted on the agency website pending the result. Additionally, it should be noted that any unpaid fines, fees, or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office, as the *Board of Ethics* will object to your candidacy in future elections pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Charles E. Reeves, Jr.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS acting in its capacity as the SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Kathy Reznik Benoit

10-G Report - November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Kathy Reznik Benoit, as a candidate for Judge, Family Court, Election Section 3, Division D in the November 3, 2020 election, and her committee's chairperson, Alexandra Reznik Territo, were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R. S. 18:1484.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was due by November 25, 2020. Kathy Reznik Benoit filed the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report on December 30, 2020, 35.00 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act provides that an automatic late fee of \$60.00 per day (not to exceed \$2,000.00) be assessed against Kathy Reznik Benoit, and her committee's chairperson, Alexandra Reznik Territo for this late filing. On January 7, 2021, a \$2,000 late fee was assessed against Kathy Reznik Benoit, and her committee's chairperson, Alexandra Reznik Territo.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, Kathy Reznik Benoit filed a request to waive the late fee. At its October 8, 2021 meeting, the Board of Ethics reduced the \$2,000 original late fee to \$1,442.88, pursuant to Rule 1205C of the Rules of the Board of Ethics (LAC 52:1205C).

IT IS ORDERED that Kathy Reznik Benoit pay the \$1,442.88 reduced late fee or dispute the assessment within 20 days of receipt of this order.

ORDER signed on the 19th day of October 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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